

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Responsive to the Office Action of May 16, 2005, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 30, 31 and 45 through 51.

Pursuant to this amendment, Claims 15 through 24 and 29, currently under rejection, have been canceled. Claims 25 through 28 and 32 through 44 have been previously canceled.

Applicants present with this amendment amended Claims 1 through 14 with Claims 2 through 14 dependent on Claim 1. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 14 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a lottery pool management system implemented on a management server computer system for lottery pool management over a communications network connected to the management server computer system and comprising a participant interface resident on the management server computer system, a lottery interface resident on the management server computer system and a notification interface resident on the management server computer system. These amendments to Claim 1 are believed to overcome the rejection.

Claims 2 through 14 remain in the application depending from amended Claim 1 and have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the term "system". Accordingly, pursuant to the amendments proposed for Claims 1 through 14, these claims are believed to be directed to statutory subject matter which is novel and patentably distinct and reconsideration for allowance of Claims 1 through 14 is respectfully solicited.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to further advance the prosecution of this application by canceling claims, amending claims and by pointing out with particularity herein how Claims 1 through 14, as currently amended, are believed to

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distinguish patentably and comply with statutory requirements.  
Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance of Claims 1 through  
14, 30, 31 and 45 through 51 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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